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What Was the Matter?

Peculiar History of the Steel Frame Which Collapsed in New York.

The collapse of the steel framework of a projected skyscraper in New York on Wednesday will not make as great an impression on the public mind as it would have done if it had collapsed after the building was completed and filled with guests; and that is rather a pity. Not that it is to be desired that such a horrible accident should happen, but really, if such a framework can go to pieces under slight provocation, in course of building, it is quite likely that the structure of which it is the skeleton will go to pieces and kill a few hundred people some day. The fact that the accident will so soon be forgotten, and fore, to be deplored. If the public would only go far enough to reflect on the significance of the catastrophe of such tremendous difficulty that it might save many lives in the fu-

It came out in course of the investigation of the affair that the building inspector had reported several violations of the law, and that the contractors had been warned that they were likely to get themselves into trouble: but that in spite of this they went on prove that they ever were delivered.

civilized city. The building inspec- some of the officials it elects, there are tor can come around and look at a still signs that its conscience is all building, and he can remember, if he right, and that is more than could be likes, what violations of the law its said of some of the kings and miniswalls conceal, when it is once com- ters who have been economical or lavpleted, so that if it happens to tume ish as they saw fit. ble down or burn up he will be in a position to know what the matter was. The Secret of Good Building Much comfort this will be to the unfortunate victims of the catastrophe The Reason Why Some Speculation and their relatives and friends!

Of course, the only proper way to enforce a building law would be to at one time or another in the past category of things which are high but give the building commissioner pow- few years moved joyfully into the must be had. er to stop the work until the contrac- brand-new houses which have been tor yielded, and not to allow one foot going up in Washington are now \$750,000 needed to make the Chicago Orof one wall to go up unless it was built as it ought to be. But that their homes. The question, "What is bail If this sort of thing continues we would make trouble. It probably would be, in some cases, a protracted beside the tragic inquiry, "What is the culture of Chicago. fight between the officials and the con- home without heating apparatus?" Joseph H. Smith says the revelation eatch him at it. There would also be mothers—they may be households thing of that kind has long been much opportunity for a dishonest made up of a man and his wife. with commissioner to work blackmailing a few nephews and nieces, of two or schemes. The public seems to be between the devil and the deep sea.

Unbusinesslike Government.

The Difficulties of Popular Government Should Be Recognized.

suspicious deference by less outspoken fixtures failing to work, it mars the papers; but it is dangerous to get into pleasure of a happy home. the habit of chronic dissatisfaction.

tures will be swollen."

this from one point of view, but there where there were vacant lots a few is another side to the matter, and it is months since, but it is bad for the peonot, perhaps, quite as hopeless as it ple who have to live in those houses seems. The pulling and hanling and afterward. The unseasoned timbers log-rolling and conflicting of various shrink and warp, and cracks in wininterests are evils which are scarcely dows and doors are the result. The

Tenth and D Streets. sults should be in some measure un- owner. When will the average Amer ment on the results of such a governpithy saying that a benevolent dess perfect and immortal.

It is probably true that in some matters strengthening of central administration would tend to economy and efficiency. In regard to the army and the navy, the diplomatic service, and interests of the country as a whole, it is fatal to trust to the ideas hand, without strong representatives from each section the sectional interests are likely to suffer. The plantation owner in the cotton lands cares nothing for the lumber interests of Michigan or the factory owners of New England; the Pennsylvanian bers of the Woman's Christian Temdoes not pay attention to the irrigation bill which is of interest so vital to the people of the Far West; the views on foreign imports held by the manufacturer are likely to be different from those held by the merchant with whose trade such imports will inwill be regarded as so slight, is, there-terfere. To reconcile all these different needs and demands in such a way that nobody will be slighted is a task

mistakes are inevitable.

Congress has made blunders, no doubt of it. But it has not yet made worse blunders than the English parliament did when the agricultural laborer was reduced to a state of literal starvation, scarcely seeing meat except on holidays, or when the people of Ireland were driven to our shores with the work as pleased them best. by famine. Our people are not worse It was also found that the building off than the moujiks under Russia's commissioner had no power to order bureauracy, or than the French peasthe work stepped until the law was ant in the days of the salt tax. On complied with; that, in fact, he seemed the whole, we have the better choice to have no power at all in the matter of two evils. But what we need is an save to "warn" the offending persons enlightened public sentiment which and tell them to behave, and, of will demand honest officials, and supcourse, they treated these warnings as port them in the execution of their so much waste paper. It is not even cuties; which will take an intelligent certain that they treated them as pa- interest in public affairs, and respond per at all. The head man of the to arguments based on reason rather iniquity declared that he had never re- than on sentiment. This public canceived any warning, and it is possible not all at once be manufactured out that the warnings were delivered or- of the varied and somewhat unpromally, or that no record was kept to ising material to be found in many parts of our land; but stupid as our This is a nice state of things for a public may be, corrupt as may be

Blocks Here Are Unsatisfactory.

Some hundreds of people who have three brothers and sisters living together, or of a newly married couple in the honeymoon stage. But none of with stanzas. these households can have the true home feeling and shiver at the same

real home with all the natural delights avoiding alike the nauseous adulation fall he would seek no further political The "New York Evening Post," thereof, if there is something the mat- and the offensive accuracy?" It has which is perhaps the most effective ter with the sewer. Even when the grumbler in the United States, fre- trouble is confined to such small matquently directs its growls against ters as the paper peeling off the wall, things which ought to be reformed, the plastering falling, the furnace and which are too often treated with generating coal gas, or the bathroom

The trouble with these imposing In an article on "Unbusinesslike Gov- but uncomfortable abodes in which ernment," it advances some argu- the windows rattle and let in the cold, ments which might reasonably meet the steam pipes refuse to work, and with objection. This is one of them: the numerous fixtures are always get-"Lack of efficient financial control ting out of order, is simply that the is another source of our Government's architect and owner were too much in wastefulness. Responsibility for a hurry to do the work well. It is not money bills is nowhere centered, possible, in this climate, to put up a Committees pull and haul; private in- house in haste and have it satisfacterests log-roll; there is nothing like tory afterward. The walls and main the budget of all finance ministries timbers need time to settle together but our own; and the result is a and become seasoned before the orfloundering system under which noth- namental woodwork, plastering, and ing is certain except that expendi- various fixtures are put in. It may seem enterprising to have a whole There is a great deal of truth in block of three-story houses standing

separable from such a Government as walls settle and the plastering cracks, ours, in a country so large as ours. It and with it the paper and the cornies s inevitable that the advocates of an become disreputable. The beautiful increased navy, and the people inter- tiling in the bathroom and around the ested in internal improvements, and fireplace is not put up to stand the the representatives of great industrial wrinkling of the surface underneath. interests, and the devotees of esthetic And all this causes woe, expense, exideals, should clash, and that the re- asperation, and loss of money for the satisfactory. Other countries have ican learn that in some kinds of busicontrol which the "Evening Post" them, the old proverb, "More haste,

ment it may be apposite to cite the Reputation of the W. C. T. U. potism is all right when the despot Sad News From the Soldiers for Whom the Canteen Was Abolished.

Curious news comes from an army contractor who is familiar with the views of enlisted men in the regular army. It will be remembered that through the influence of the Woman's and other matters affecting the credit | Christian Temperance Union the carteen was abolished some time ago, and the same influence has presumably deof sectional statesmen. On the other feated efforts to have it re-established, on the recommendation of army officers and chaplains, and at the earnest

request of people living near the posts. But it was never, at any rate, hands. argued by those people who are in favor of the canteen that the memperance Union and allied societies had anything but the purest and highest motives in urging their pet measure. was generally recognized that their leas were as sweet and innocent and pure as fresh ereamery butter, even if The minister was just crossing over from the diplomatic cloak room to the they did, unlike the butter, need to be salted down with discretion. But the soldiers, according to this

report, have a different idea about it, and it appears that they lamentably fail to appreciate the unselfish efforts which have been made in their behalf. It must be understood that the main stock of the canteen was beer and light wines, and that while beer can purchased in large towns and civilized places in general, there are places where regiments are stationed in which the vilest kind of distilled of State about recent develop liquors are about the only thing to be had. The rumor current among the soldiers, therefore, is that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union entered into a secret alliance with the distillers to abolish beer. From their point of view it is not sa very unnatural, this supposition, painful as it may be to the society. To be great is to be misunderstood, but it should not be forgotten, that feolishness and ignorance also lead to misunderstanding.

It is doubtless a coincidence, but some ecent headlines read:

"Mikado's Call to Diet. "Russians Half-Starved."

The "Sloux City Journal" suggests that Mr. Cleveland might, if he has no other use for Mr. Bryan, use him for bait. What could you catch with a bai

manufacture of smokeless powder. By the way, did we use smokeless powde when we fought Spain?

advocate of the higher muse. His rouse, however, does not belong to the

wondering what is the matter with chestra permanent and provide a music home without a mother?" is puerile shall have to stop those jokes about

tractor, the latter determined to evade There are households which, for one of the doctrine of polygamy was made the law and the former determined to reason or another, are not blessed with by an angel clothed in black. Somepected.

> Commissioner Ware has dropped into peetry once more for a Kansas celebration, and shows that he has not forgetten yet how to make Kansas rhyme

Our morning contemporary aks home feeling and shiver at the same with may the newspapers not adopt a speech, among other things, he told ord" have, within the past eight or ten time they will be able to move their interesting. Neither is it possible to have a decent manner of personal mention, the delegates that after his election this years, been filled with Democratic default. long been a source of surprise to us that some newspapers don't.

Some men never begin to shine in Have Waited Long. council until their heads are bald on

THE EDUCATION OF THE JAP. 'Hurray for the Jap!" says the militant

When he reads the Mikado's brave deeds on the sea.

thank ye.

And he learned them there naval manoovers from me.

Hooray mit der Yap!" says the German with unction, "Such peautiful ti-tacs already haf he. A pattle-shmoke var-lord in every func-

He fights like a Cherman-he learned dot from me.

Salutez le Jap!" says the versatile "He has ze eclat and ze courage-ma

THE PERSONAL SIDE

The Straight and Narrow Path the Only One. Minister Takahira Saw Shooting Yesterday....

His Conscience Working.

sufficiently to philosophize.

Mr. Takahira Talked.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister who is accused of being deaf when it comes to answering newspaper men, bestrayed an unusually alert hearing yesterday during the excitement at the entertained in honor of Mrs. Chaffee. War Department, when a crazy soldier Among others present were M ran amuck in the ball,

reception salon when two muffled re-ports, like the slamming of a door, rang out not twenty paces away. Mr. Taka-hira wheeled quickly, facing the direction of the sound.

"That was a pistol shot," he said, first it was the sound of a door being

ntly shut by the wind. The minister's statement was quickly corroborated by the frightened mob et clerks who filled the hall, rushing as though panic-stricken. Minister Takahira was standing directly in line of rectly turned to go into the feception room on his way to tell the Secretary the war between Japan and Russia.

A Similar Footing.

Senator Scott was speaking in the Senate the other day in advocacy of a pension measure. His efforts were particularly directed to getting an increased He explained at some length that the man who had lost both legs is now gct-

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

ington Society People. Entertainments.

Special Cast Will Play "The Dream of Queen Elizabeth."

Even the unfortunate shooting affair at the War Department confirmed the old adage, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Mrs. A. C. Barney's new extravagenza, "The Dream of Queen Elizabeth," will be produced on April 12, by a cast composed of fire and the composed of the compose After Robert Manning and Arthur Wiecker, the two injured War Departinent employes, had been removed from the building and William J. O'Brien was safe behind the bars, an aged colwas safe behind the bars, an aged colored messenger recovered his wits son, jr. Mrs. Hunt Slater, Mrs. John The decident of the charge of

if I'd fuss with her and nevah get no grams. Mrs. Bates and Miss Berry are chance to make it up? I don't want to the secretaries, and Mrs. Archibald go into heaven with no fuss on my Hopkins and Miss Williams treasurers.

Mrs. Lincoln, who has the sale of the several boxes, and many seats have ing.

> who is established at Stoneleigh Court, a dinner on March 14. for the winter, gave a beautifully ap-pointed luncheon yesterday, when she White, wife of Mr. Justice White; Mrs. | see their friends. Sanger, Mrs. Jewell, Mrs. Reber, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. John Mason, Mrs. Reamey, Mrs. Carney, and Mrs. Donner, of New York, who has recently taken an apartment at Stoneleigh Court.

bassy entertained the ambassador, Count Cassini, at dinner last evening. Others much to the astonishment of a messen-ger standing pear by, who thought at Italian embassy and Countess di Cellere, Countess Antonelli, first secretary of the German embassy Baron von dem Bussche, Miss Langham, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Miss Morgan-Hill, Miss Blanche Emory and Mr. Wauters, counselor of the Belgian legation.

William G. Bratton Weds Mrs. Caroline Stueven

Mrs. Caroline Stueven and William G Bratton were married Wednesday even-ing at St. Mark's Church, corner Third L. Devries read the marriage service. Miss Kate Hess served as bridesmaid and B. Bratton, son of the groom, was of George Kennan, the famous exposer

monthly sum allowed the old soldier Fratton returned to their home in Park to act as correspondent for a weekly who had lost both eyes in the service. Fratton returned to their home in Park to act as correspondent for a weekly who had lost both eyes in the service. Flace, Congress Heights, where a num-He explained at some length that the man who had lost both legs is mow getting \$100 a month, and there is certainly no good reason why the man who had lost both eyes should not be entitled to as much. As the climax of his argument, he said:

"In was be remembered, said Mr. Kennan, "that the day of shoulder to shoulder fighting is over. Hand to hand mew Bratton, Mr. and Mrs. Deering, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nolte, Mr. and Mrs. Wirsch, and the Herman Kirsch, Roy Kirsch, and the Misses Kirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lice and Miss A. Dice, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lice and Miss A. Dice, Mr. and Mrs. When the legister of friends awaited them, among them here of friends awaited them. Kennan, "that the day of shoulder to shoulder fighting is over. Hand to hand them here of shoulder fighting is over. Hand to hand them here of shoulder fighting is over. Hand to hand the man here of shoulder fighting is over. Hand to hand them here of shoulder figh

GROSVENOR PURPOSES TO QUIT PUBLIC LIFE

amphor because they need it for the Republican War Horse Completes Twenty Years of Service at End of Next Term in House.

than a decade one of the most con- honors enough. General Grosvenor oc- him as much as it will disagree with spicuous figures in the House of Representatives, declares it is his purpose to party, is one of the real leaders of the leade retire from political life and take a House, and his picturesque presence will sary to place the British soldiers fifteen position in the ranks. At the end of an- be greatly missed when he leaves the feet apart in order to meet the tactics Chicago has raised \$550,000 of the other term General Grosvenor will have historic halls where he has so long of the Boers. Congress, and to do this has been his Cheered Cleveland Letter.

But for a great Democratic tidal wave which swept over the country in 1892 and inundated many another prominent Republican and carried him out of office. General Grosvenor would have served twenty years at the end of his present term. Eleven times he has been honored by his party with a nomination, His district is comfortably

fully take his place in the ranks, ready

This is the word which a number of Ohio district have been waiting to hear for several years. Each year when they expected to hear from him the word that he would retire they have been trend of sentiment in his favor. disappointed, until now it has finally come, and when he does retire, two Mostly by Southerners. I taught him to use them torpedo boats, years hence, as he says he intends to As a matter of fact, the applaus

"He has ze celat and ze counting for!"

added to his discussion of the delegates which it would send to the convention, and thereby make certain his renomination, well knowing that with the Republican majorities in the other counties he would be able to overcome the Democratic land in the new county on election day, in angulsh,

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The photographer explained that grant to the word of a very ordination, well know and unite upon some one who can reconcile both factions of the party. It is conceded on all sides that Mr. Cleveland's letter was worded with adroitness. While satisfying the Southern and Jews in Russia, and those who have been made upon the express order of the interior, who took it for granted that 'graft tor the Russians' was the cry, and that the Pole would not be in on any crooked deal.

The photographer explained that they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the way of they could do little, but in the words. I'm sickski and soreski and painfully three score and ten limit, but he is still And the jokeski of this is he learned it from me."

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ss and the Congress indefinitely should be desire to and capable of handling himself Hon. Charles Henry Grosvenor, for more do so, but he declares that he has had left alone. Open order fighting will suft

boom Grover Cleveland for the Presi-dential nomination a fourth time was their work in the face of reverses. Com-President, in which he made unequivocal action of the statement that he had invited a negro to dine with him at the White House. For the first time in a to bear with equanimity a persistent Republican, and as he has a firm hold by Democrats in the House of Repre-upon it, there is little or no doubt that sentatives. Attention to this fact was his desire to round out a fifth of a century in the House will be gratified by made the charge that Mr. Cleveland "Russia has an advantage in the num-

nunciation of Grover Cleveland, and sian cavalry will be neutralized in great was not a sign of any other flour. The yesterday was the first time in that operations. Large bodies of horsemen inference was solvious that the government flour had not been in the ware-house when the fire occurred and the honors; that thereafter he would cheer- yesterday was the first time in that operations. at all times to do whatever he could to ellicited even a ripple of approval. A canvass of the Democrats of the House would not show a single man from any simply wipe them out. that Grover Cleveland ought to be made ambitious Republicans in the Eleventh the standard-bearer of the party this year, yet the fact that his letter met some of his admirers as indicative of a

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As a matter of fact, the appiauso pan has an industry and transport, which is additionable from those Democrats of the Southern States who will applaud the southern States who will be sout do, there will doubtless be a great scramble for his political footwear.

Time and again ambitious ones have sought to organize a movement which would defeat Mr. Grosvenor for remonination, but each time his political cunning has put the opposition quietly to sleep, and he has come out of every contest for the nomination with flying contest for the nomination with flying of the State had a Democratic county and the State had a Democratic county added to his district in order that he might control the delegates which it would send to the convention, and thereby make certain his renomination, well to some one of the convention of the delegates which it would send to the convention, and thereby make certain his renomination, well to some of the convention of the delegates which it would send to the convention, and thereby make certain his renomination, well to some of the convention of the delegates which it would send to the convention, and thereby make certain his renomination. do, there will doubtless be a great which greeted Mr. Cleveland's utterpronouncing it a deliberate fabrication, he threw a sop to the fiegroes by lauding the former Recorder of Deeds as a man of integrity and capability. The effort to make capital for the defunct Cleveland boom out of his letter will, however, fail.

It for granted that grait to the Russians' was the cry, and that the Pole would not be in on any crooked deal.

"The photographer explained that some years before, 40,000 roubles were appropriated for the public building at Omsk. Plans were drawn, and were actions and striking forms."

Comment Upon Wash- DINNER PARTIES AND LUNCHEONS

Justice Brown Recovers His Sight and Appears as a Host.

Justice Brown, who has been partially blind the greater part of the winter, has recovered sufficiently to appear ocea sionally in the social world. On Wed nesday last he gave a dinner in honor of Count and Countess Pourtales, of Silesia, who are spending a short time at the New Willard.

Invited to meet them were the Ger-man ambassador and the Baroness Von Sternburg, Justice and Mrs. White Senator, and Mrs. Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Tittmann, Miss Clara Morgan, and John

the mawnin' there's no tellin' whethan costumes, and Mrs. Rockhill, Miss Sieberi eremarked. "I ain't goin' to have no moah words with the ole woman. What Mrs. Mary Patten will look after proif Fd fuss with her and neval get no grams. Mrs. Rock Miss Mary Patten will look after prothe mawnin' there's no tellin' whethan costumes, and Mrs. Rockhill, Miss Siebert, Miss Seckendorff, and Sol Minster are a source of pleasure to her many friends, gave another of these delightful entertainments last ing her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Fay-Mrs. Audenried, who is counted these delightful entertainments last evening in honor of the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft.

> Mrs. Stanley Matthews was also ouse in charge, has already disposed of among the dinner hostesses last even-

The Russian ambassador and Countess Mrs. Edmond Bradley, of New York. Marguerite Cassini have cards out for

> Mr. and Mrs. George H. O'Connor bave tertainments have been planned in their taken possession of their apartments in honor. the Decatur, where they will be glad to

in New York.

Dance Postponed, and Mention of Society Functions.

Gay Scene Last Evening in the Home of Mrs. Wadsworth.

Owing to the filness of Ned McLean Mrs. McLean regrets that she will have to recall the invitations for her Satur-day evening dance, which has become one of the pleasant social features of

Mrs. Wadsworth's receptions, which have been largely attended throughout the season, was the rallying place for society last evening, when more than the usual number of friends dropped

ing her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Far-rell, of Chicago. Mrs. Farrell will be embered as Miss Mildred Williams,

Mrs. A. L. Barber left town yesterday for Ardsley-on-the-Husson, where she will join Mr. Barber, who is contemplat-

General and Mrs. Chaffee are expected in New York tomorrow, where many

Miss Jean Crosby, who has been vis-Miss Cannon is spending a short time delphia, where she is the guest of her

Russian Departments "Rotten," Says Kennan

Administration at St. Petersburg Is Honeycombed With Fraud, and Army Contractors May Materially Aid Japanese to Victory.

"Japanese initiative should offset Rus- | cepted by a specially appointed comsia's supremacy in numbers and re- mission. The work was supposed to

Such was the declaration yesterday pleted, and then another special of the miseries of Siberian exiles, who were appropriations every year for ex-After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. will leave for the East in a few days

"It must be remembered." said Mr.

Russian and Jap.

"The Russian is taught from the date of his birth to obey. He does not act according to his own ideas or suggestions made by his sharpened wits. He acts only when told to do so by some one else and then only in the manner prescribed by his superiors. Such a man is at distinct disadvantage when fight-

is officer's voice.

"With the Jap it is entirely different. He is a member of a new and free race, full of original conceptions and ideas, anxious to display his individual worth and capable of handling himself when left alone. Open order fighting will suffice the miserable exile to make the way for 10,000 pairs of shoes. I asked why something way not done about the had left alone. Open order fighting will suft oc-his the Russian. I am told that in the lat-ter days of the Boer war it was neces-the treather than the solders fifteen the results of the solders fifteen the solders fifteen the results of the results of the results of the results of the result be a severe blow to the Russian troops.

A Russian Advantage.

Impetus to the ridiculous effort to One advantage the Russians are given yesterday by the reading in the petent observers are inclined to believe House of the letter from the former that while the Jap has more dash and decade statements made by Grover repetition of defeat and disappointment. Cleveland were received with applause We have not yet had an opportunity Six weeks after I left him I heard that

his constituents next November.

General Grosvenor was renominated unanimously this week, and at the convention, when he was called upon for vention, when he was called upon for vention, when he was called upon for vention.

The constituents next November.

The convention of the cavalry, for in that department Japan is weak, but the Japan is weak, but the department Japan is we

"Rotten" Administration.

"Rottenness in the civil and military cause the Russians great losses, and ba money for orders on which they of enormous service to the Japs. Japan not delivered a pound of stuff.

"Another commission was called, another appropriation was made, and another building ordered. That one was completed, but the minister of the interior had to order a picture of it to be taken in order to make sure that it was on the face of the earth.

Honeycombed With Fraud. Still a third instance, and the which may give an idea of the condition of the Russian soldier, came to my notice at Irkutsk, Siberia, in 1895. I heard the of ficer in charge of the transportation of exiles protesting against the quality of shoes furnished those unfortunates. The prescribed by his superiors. Such a half is at distinct disadvantage when fighting in the open formation, left to his awarded was a strong serviceable affair own resources and beyond the reach of had two exceedingly thin sheets of

mission accepted it. After that there

tensive repairs and improvements on this building, until in some manner the

government at St. Petersburg learned

that not even the foundation stones had

which needed so many repairs.

May Not Be "Prepared."

'One experience I had may be of inwell prepared in the East as the cabinet at St. Petersburg thinks. I stopped with a major in the Russian army who imhe had been arrested. It was found that

Theft on Every Hand.

"So it is all through the Russian sysadministrations of Siberla in particular, are furnished, goods are stolen right and Russia generally, will probably and left and contractors have taken is fighting at her own doors, Russia is is no reason why these or similar confighting 6,000 miles from her base. Japan has an honest and highly developed and other points where Russian military